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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1386

DATE PREPARED: Feb 20, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2001

SUBJECT: Lights on Volunteer Fire Vehicles.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that a member of a volunteer fire department may display blue lights on the member's privately owned vehicle while en route to a fire station to get firefighting equipment to transport to the scene of a fire or other emergency in the line of duty. The bill provides that no person who is not a member of a volunteer fire department may display a blue light of any size or shape on a motor vehicle.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill broadens the circumstances when a member of a volunteer fire department may display blue lights on the member's privately owned vehicle, a violation of which is a Class C infraction. If fewer court cases occur, revenue to the state General Fund may decrease if fewer infraction judgments and court fees are collected. The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500 which is deposited in the state General Fund. If court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, a court fee of \$70 would be assessed. 70% of the court fee would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: If fewer court actions are filed, local governments would receive less revenue from court fees. Court fees for a Class C infraction are \$70.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: